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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application of)
SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a)
AT&T Long Distance)
)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)

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**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF SBC LONG DISTANCE, LLC D/B/A
AT&T LONG DISTANCE**

SBC Long Distance L.L.C. d/b/a AT&T Long Distance ("AT&T"), applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of interstate residential local exchange services areas in Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T is providing the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

SBC Long Distance LLC d/b/a AT&T Long Distance
1010 N. St. Mary's Street
Suite 13L
San Antonio, TX 78215

Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

In Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee and Washington, AT&T plans to discontinue this service on or after May 1, 2007 subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c).

In Maryland and Virginia, AT&T plans to discontinue this service on or after May 9, 2007 subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c).

In Massachusetts, AT&T plans to discontinue this service on or after June 7, 2007 subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c).

In Oregon, AT&T plans to discontinue this service on or after June 27, 2007 subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c).

Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

Interstate residential local exchange service will be discontinued throughout the AT&T service areas in Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington.

Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

Interstate residential local exchange service is basic telephone exchange service that allows customers to make local calls within a local exchange, which includes local calling areas that cross state boundary lines.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this service discontinuance because there are many alternative providers of local exchange telephone services, including but not limited to Comcast and 1-800-Reconnex, and Verizon.¹

¹ Comcast provides local exchange services in Maryland and Massachusetts; Verizon provides local exchange services in Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina and Virginia; 1-800-Reconnex provides local exchange

Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):

AT&T notified customers by letter sent via U.S. Mail on the following dates: Kentucky – March 9, 2007, Maryland – March 7, 2007, Massachusetts – March 12, 2007, North Carolina – March 9, 2007, Oregon – March 20, 2007, Tennessee – March 9, 2007, Virginia – March 8, 2007, and Washington – March 9, 2007.

A copy of the letters are attached hereto as Attachment A.

Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

AT&T is considered non-dominant with respect to the service to be discontinued.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc., Director – Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 457-3039.

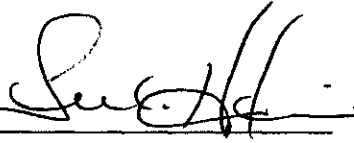
Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service since there are alternative providers of local exchange service.

AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue interstate residential local exchange service in Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington.

services in Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Oregon, Tennessee and Washington; Qwest provides local exchange services in Washington.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 20, 2007

Attachment A



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March 8, 2007

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Important Notice: Your Local Telephone Service Is Being Discontinued

Dear Valued Customer:

As of May 9, 2007 pending regulatory approval, the SBC¹ local telephone service to which you subscribed will no longer be available in Virginia and you must take action.

YOUR ACTION IS REQUIRED! To prevent interruption of your local residential telephone service, you must select another service provider on or before April 26, 2007. This will allow enough time for your new local service provider to start your new residential phone service before our service is discontinued.

You have the right to select any company that is offering local telephone service in your area. Look in the front of your Yellow Pages directory under "telephone companies," or in the front of your White Pages directory for a list of local telephone service providers. Once you find a provider of your choice, you should call that provider to order your new service.

Please select your new service plans carefully – local, toll and long distance – to ensure that your needs are met. Companies may offer pricing plans and calling areas that differ from the ones you have today. It is up to you to select plans that are right for your circumstances.

After you switch to another local telephone service provider and we discontinue your service, you will receive a final bill from us within 7 to 14 days (or a final credit statement if we owe you) within 30 to 45 days. If we owe you a refund, it will be issued within 30 to 45 days.

SBC must file a request to discontinue service at the FCC. The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of SBC Long Distance, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Long Distance." Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

You may also address your concerns to Virginia State Corporation Commission at (804) 371-9675 or (800) 552-7945 (toll free).

If you have any questions or need more information about changing your local residential service, please contact our Customer Care Center toll free at 1-877-430-7228. Thank you.

Sincerely

SBC Long Distance, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Long Distance

¹ Your local telephone service is provided by SBC Long Distance, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Long Distance

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING YOUR LOCAL RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

- 1 Why has AT&T Long Distance made the decision to no longer offer residential local service in my area?**
AT&T Long Distance consistently evaluates all areas of its business. This was simply a business decision based on the considerations that AT&T Long Distance incurs in providing local residential service. At this time, only local residential phone service is being discontinued. Business customers with local or long distance telephone services are not affected by this change.
- 2 What should I do now that I have received this letter?**
It is important you find another local residential telephone service provider. Normally you can locate a complete list of providers in the front of your White Page phone book or in your Yellow Pages directory under the "telephone companies" heading.
- 3 What about my other AT&T Long Distance services?**
They will not be impacted by this change in local residential telephone service. AT&T Long Distance and its affiliates will continue to offer the same high standards and quality of wireless, long distance, and Internet services to which the local customers are accustomed. If you choose AT&T Long Distance as your local toll and long distance service provider, inform your new local service provider of this choice.
- 4 What about my deposit?**
If you have a deposit on your account, that amount and the interest accrued will be deducted from your final bill. If there is a credit balance on your account, you will receive a check within 30-45 days.
- 5 When will I receive my final bill?**
You will receive your final bill 7 to 14 days after the conversion to your new local residential service provider is complete.
- 6 Will I be able to keep my phone number(s) with my new provider?**
Your new residential telephone service provider will perform the necessary steps to ensure that your telephone number is eligible to be migrated to their company. The provider you choose will be responsible for sending the proper paperwork to AT&T to request a release of your telephone number. **Do not disconnect** your service with AT&T if you plan to retain your number. If you disconnect your service, the number will not be eligible for release to your new provider. The new provider must request its release to them. Once the telephone numbers are released from AT&T, the billing on your AT&T account will stop.
- 7 Who can I contact for more information regarding this notification?**
Please call toll-free 1-877-430-7228 with any questions you may have regarding this notification.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, this 20th day of March 2007, served a copy of the foregoing

Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following:

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